



**Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services National Medicare Multi-Media
Education Campaign Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage
Drop-In Bulletin (100 words)**

With New Prescription Drug Coverage, Medicare Covers More Than Ever!

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services reminds you that starting January 1, 2006, everyone with Medicare is eligible for prescription drug coverage. A typical person with Medicare and no drug coverage could see total drug costs drop by about 50%.

Join a Medicare drug plan between November 15, 2005 and May 15, 2006 to avoid paying a late enrollment penalty. Even if you do not take a lot of prescription drugs now, you should still consider joining.

For more information about the new Medicare prescription drug coverage, visit www.medicare.gov on the web, call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) or read your “Medicare & You 2006” handbook. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.